

**SECOND ROUND ASSIGNMENT OF SPECTRUM
IN THE 26 GHZ AND 28 GHZ BANDS
FOR PROVISION OF LARGE SCALE PUBLIC MOBILE SERVICES**

QUALIFIED APPLICANT NOTICE

This is a notice referred to in paragraph 3.5 of the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications for Second Round Assignment of Spectrum in the 26 GHz and 28 GHz Bands for Provision of Large Scale Public Mobile Services* (“Guidelines”) and the notice to revise the application deadline (“Revision Notice”) issued by the Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) on 29 February 2024 and 22 March 2024 respectively. Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meaning as those in the Guidelines.

2. The Communications Authority (“CA”) hereby announces that the following applicants (in alphabetical order) are Qualified Applicants and are qualified for participation in the administrative spectrum assignment process -

- (a) China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited;
- (b) Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited;
- (c) Hutchison Telephone Company Limited; and
- (d) SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited.

3. For the avoidance of doubt, the objective of the pre-qualification is only to determine the applicants qualified to take part in the administrative spectrum assignment process. Nothing in the pre-qualification exercise shall be construed as an approval of the proposals made by the Qualified Applicants in their applications, which are subject to further assessment having regard to the broad licensing criteria set out in Section VI of the Guidelines. Any Qualified Applicant which later becomes Successful Applicant shall remain subject to the licensing or approval requirements set by the relevant authorities whether under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106), any other ordinance(s) or otherwise.

Communications Authority
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